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Response

Reply to Advisory Action Dated 04/06/2007

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REMARKS

The Examiner has stated on page 2 of the *advisory action* dated 04/06/2007 that claim numbers cannot be present in the specification.

Please note that the specification has been amended in Amendment A filed 01/09/2006 to remove any reference to claim numbers. Therefore, there are currently no claim numbers present in the specification.

Applicants attach herewith the amendment to specification filed 01/09/06 for the Examiner's reference. It is noted that the wording "[0002]" should be replaced with "[0009]."

Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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## PATENT APPLICATION

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For: PROCESS FOR LASER WELDING WITH PRE- AND/OR POST-HEATING  
IN THE AREA OF THE WELD SEAM

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AMENDMENT A

Attn: Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2005, setting a three-month period for response expiring on October 1, 2005, the period for response extended to January 3, 2006 (January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> being Legal Holidays), by a Petition for Three Months' Extension of Time and payment of fee filed herewith, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks, and requests reconsideration:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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AMENDMENT A

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs [0001] and [000<sup>9</sup>2] of the specification as follows:

[0001] The invention concerns a process for laser welding with pre- and/or post-heating in the area of the weld seam the welding and warming are carried out by a single laser beam with a substantial even output and focusing however with varying rates of advance according to the precharacterizing portion of Patent Claim 1.

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~~[0002] With regard to the process to be obtained, the invention is set forth in the characterizing part of Patent Claim 1. The further claims concern advantageous embodiments and further developments of the inventive process (Patent Claims 2 through 5).~~